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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 2063

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SUBJECT: ATTACK ON POLICE POST

REF: KHARTOUM 1996

1. FEW DAYS AFTER OUTBREAK TRIBAL VIOLENCE IN ABYEI, SOUTHERN KORDOFAN (REFTEL) SOME 20 ARMED MEN ATTACKED POLICE POST IN AMESTRI, JENEINA DISTRICT, NORTHERN DARFUR NEAR CHAD BORDER. ACCORDING KHARTOUM SOURCES, FOUR POLICEMEN WERE KILLED IN ATTACK BY KNIFE AND SWORD WIELDING MASALIT TRIBESMEN. ATTACKERS THEN FLED TO UNIDENTIFIED NEIGHBORING COUNTRY, PRESUMABLY CHAD. MININT WITH OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS INVESTIGATED ABYEI AND JENEINA INCIDENTS AND UPON RETURNING TO KHARTOUM SAID LATTER WAS RESULT OF ATTACK BY RELIGIOUS FANATICS.

2. SO FAR LOCAL PRESS GIVING FAIRLY FULL COVERAGE

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TO ABYEI AND JENEINA INCIDENTS, APPARENTLY IN EFFORT DAMPEN RUMORS AND EXAGGERATION OF WHAT HAPPENED. FULL RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS NOT YET KNOWN, HOWEVER SENIOR FSL BELIEVES JENEINA INCIDENT PROBABLY WAS DUE, AT LEAST IN PART, TO UNHAPPINESS BY MASALIT TRIBESMEN OVER RECENT INTENSIVE SEARCHES BY SUDANGOV. HE ALSO BELIEVES ATTACKERS MAY HAVE BEEN FROM SPLINTER ELEMENT

OF OPPOSITION NATIONAL FRONT.

3. IN DISCUSSING ABYEI AND JENEINA INCIDENTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS AND OTHERS, THERE IS SUSPICION THAT LIBYANS AND/OR ETHIOPIANS WERE INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY IN LATTER CASE. SINCE INTER-TRIBAL VIOLENCE SUCH AS OCCURRED IN ABYEI IS ESSENTIALLY AN ANNUAL, PERHAPS EXACERBATED THIS YEAR BY DROUGHT IN WESTERN SUDAN, ABYEI VIOLENCE HAS NOT RPT NOT CAUSED MUCH PUBLIC CONCERN UNTIL NOW. HOWEVER, UNDER SECRETARY FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DURING MEETING JUNE 18 ON OTHER MATTER, SAID HE HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS OF LIBYAN ROLE IN JENEINA.

4. HE SAID ETHIOPIAN/LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN LAST FEBRUARY'S JUBA AIRPORT INCIDENT HAS BEEN CONCLUSIVELY PROVEN. HE SAID PLAN WAS TO KILL ALL SOUTHERN REGIONAL MINISTERS UPON THEIR RETURN FROM SSU CONFERENCE IN KHARTOUM. HOWEVER, GROUP WAS DELAYED DUE TO DEATH OF OMAR AL-HAG MUSA, AN SSU LEADER. THIS WAS NOT KNOWN BY PLOTTERS. AIRPORT ATTACK, THEREFORE, WAS ILL-TIMED AND FAILED. SECURITY TRIALS OF THOSE IMPLICATED IN JUBA INCIDENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN IN KHARTOUM.

5. COMMENT: INCIDENTS IN JUBA, ABYEI AND JENEINA ARE SEEN BY LEADERSHIP AS PROVING INTENTION SUDAN'S ENEMIES, PARTICULARLY QADDHAFI, TO PERSIST IN ATTEMPTING
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DESTABILIZE NIMEIRI REGIME. SUDANESE HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS SOVIETS NOT FAR BEHIND SCENE. FOR SUDANGOV EVENTS CONFIRM URGENT NEED TIGHTEN OVERALL NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY CAPABILITIES IN FACE IMPLACABLE FOES.
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